

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

THE GREATNESS OF SMALL THINGS.

By W. J. SAMUEL, T. SPEAR, D. D. The physical as well as the moral system of the world is one of those great complicated connections...

As an example, let us cite the case of a wandering peddler, who, more than two centuries since, called at the house of Baxter's father...

—The late Hon. Amos Kendall, besides his magnificent gift of about \$150,000 towards the erection and subsequent rebuilding of the Calvary Baptist Church, in Washington...

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

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—The Rev. Emerson Judd, of the Episcopal Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, recently supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church in that city.

—St. John's Chapel, in New York city, maintains one colored Sunday school, one colored industrial school, one German Sunday school, and a general industrial school.

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